THE PRESIDENT NOMINATES HIM FOR TWO FIREMEN KILLED AND A LOSS OF LOCAL OFFICERS CHOSEN IN TWENTY THE SUPREME COURT VACANCY.

BENATORS PLEASED WITH THE APPOINTMENT AND NO DOUBT OF ITS CONFIRMATION EX-

PRESSED-HILL'S FIGHT AGAINST W. B. HORNBLOWER AND WHEELER

Washington, Dec. 3 .- The nomination to-day of

Judge Rufus W. Peckham, of New-York, to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court to succeed Howell E. Jackson seems to have ended a series of unpleasant incidents by which New-York has been deprived for two years past of a seat in the highest National tribunal. Judge Peckham will have the support for confirmation of both Senator Hill and Senator Murphy, and his eminence on the New-York bench will make his acceptance by the Judiciary Committee and the rest of the Senate a foregone conclusion. The nomination of Judge Peckham reached the Capitol simultaneously with the President's message. Senators on both sides of the chamber expressed themselves as highly



R. W. PECKHAM.

was any doubt expressed as to the nominee's ac-Senator Hill was not present in the Senate, but he expressed himself so favorably to Judge Rufus W. Peckham when engaged in making the rampaign two years ago against Wheeler H. Peckham that it is generally believed he will accept the nomination w thout cavil and even

Senator Murphy, of New-York, pronounced the selection as equal to the best that could be made, and said there could be no doubt of speedy confirmation. When asked how he thought Senator Hill would receive it, he replied that he did not believe that his colleague could or would make any opposition to confirmation. Senator Murphy also said that it was his understanding that the nomination had been offered without solicitation on the part of Judge Peckham's friends, and that the appointment was made because of the President's personal knowledge of the Judge's fitness for the place.

The Justices of the Supre te Court were early In the day informed of the nomination, and it is understood that they expressed satisfaction over the selection. Judge Peckham is known to the members of the Court through his decisions and is highly esteemed by them. He appeared before the Court on several occasions before his elevation to the bench, and, although then a comparatively young man, he is still remembered for his thor ough and effective manner of presenting cases. Senator Pugh, Chairman of the Committee on the fudiciary, has announced his purpose to call a eeting of the committee for next Monday consider Judge Peckham's nomination.

THE CONTEST OF 1893 RECALLED.

vives recollections of the contest during the last Congress over the nominations of W. B. Hornblower and W. H. Peckham for the seat on the Supreme Court bench made vacant in the sum mer of 1833 by the death of Justice Blatchford. Senater Hill led the fight against confirmation. This contest began with the nomination of Mr. Hornblower during the extra session of the Lilld Mornblower during the extra session of the LHId Congress, and ended when the President sent the name of Senator White, of Louisiana, to the Senate five months later Mr. Hornblower's name was first sent in on September 19, and the special session adjourned without taking action. When the first regular session of that Congress began the President promptly renewed the nomination. The nomination was held us in committee for over a month and was reported to the Senate with an adverse recommendation on January 8. Rejection followed on the 15th of that month after several long executive sessions of the Senate, in which the merits of the appointment, pro and con, were generally rehearsed, the majority against congenerally rehearsed, the majority against con-

long executive assists the beautiful the merits of the appointment, pro and con, were generally rehearsed, the majority against confirmation being six.

W. H. Peckham's nomination followed on January 22, and was received by Sonator Hill and those who stood with him with even more aversion than was the Hornblower nomination. The nomination in this instance was reported on February 12 and was rejected by a decisive vote on the 16th of that month. When the name of Senator 20thite, of Louisiana, was received on February 19 the selection was halled as a happy solution of the vexed problem. The Senate immediately went into executive session, and without referring the nomination forthwith confirmed it by a unanimous vote.

mous vote.

Through this contention between the Senate and the President, and because of the long illness and subsequent decease of Justice Jackson, the Supreme Court has practically been composed of only eight members since Justice Blatchford's death. The Court has naturally been much crippled by these untoward circumstances, especially in the consideration of Constitutional questions.

the Senate yesterday by President Ceveland, has been mentioned frequently among those likely to receive the numination if President Cleveland decided to appoint a New-York lawyer to the vacant place on the bench of the United States Supreme Court. Judge Peckham is, next to Chief Judge Andrews, the oldest in term of service among the Court of Appeals Judges, and has served longer than any of the other Democratic members of the court. His position as senior Democratic judge of the highest court of the State makes his nomination for the United States Supreme Court a fitting pro-

Rufus W. Peckham was born in Albany venter, 1838. He was the son of Judge Rufus W. Peckham, of the Court of Appeals. His father, who held a high place in the esteem of lawyers and of his associates, became overworked by close attention to his duties, and started in November, 1873, on a trip to Europe. The steamer on which he took passage was the fated Ville de Havre, and Judge Peckham was among those lost in the disaster to the vessel on November 22. The Court of Appeals and the Bar Association of this city paid warm tributes to Judge Peckham's memory. Rufus W. Peckham, jr., studied law in his father's office, and in 1859 became a member of the bar. He took course of study at the Albany Academy, but he not a college graduate. He became a member of the firm of Peckham & Tremain, and practised law fill the firm of Peckham & Tremain, and practised law
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for many years in Albany, attaining a high rank at
the bar He was elected in 1859 to the office of
District-Attorney, and after a term in that position
between the property of the contending factions. He
was active in Democratic positical affairs, and was
the leader of one of the contending factions in Albany County. He was a candidate for the nominabany County. He was a candidate for the nomination for Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals before
the Democratic Convention of 182, but was defeated
by William C. Ruger. In November of the next
year he was elected Justice of the Supreme Court,
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Matthew Hale, of Albany, being his opponent. The
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THE FLAMES LICK UP VALUABLE MERCHANDISE THE REPUBLICANS MADE AN EXCELLENT SHOW-

IN THE WHOLESALE DISTRICT OF THE CITY-

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 3.-A fire which resulted in the death of two men and the injury of three others, did damage amounting to nearly \$400,006 in the wholesale district on South Meridian-st, this morning, laving a quarter of a square in rulns and burning out seven large concerns, The victims are as follows:

DEAD. MURPHY, Patrick, fireman, single. SLOANE, Frank, fireman, single,

GEORGE, Captain J. D. SLOANE, Warren.

The fire was started at \$:30 o'clock by the colstruck the stock of matches and started the The horse was full of employes and clerks, and the escapes of many of them were George G. Junkins Mayor by 865 plurality over whole building was in flames, and, though the alarm was protuptly given, the block was doomed 4,182; no. 3,331. when the firemen arrived. The fire spread rapidly to the wholesale drug house of Ward Brothers, on the south, and the liquor houses of Eckhouse Brothers and Woodford & Pohlman, on the north. There was a heavy explosion in Ward Brothers' store, followed by tottering ward Brothers' store, followed by tottering walls, and Patrick Murphy was pinned in the ruins. He was rescued with difficulty, and died before reaching the hospital. A few minutes later another section of the wall fell, catching Frank Arnett, Frank and Warren Sloane and Captain George. Sloane was so hadly injured that he died soon after. The others are not badly hurt.

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The fire was got under control at noon. The extreme cold weather impeded the work of the firemen not a little. The losses are as follows:

Schnull & Co., wholesale grocers, \$125,000 on stock, fully insured, \$75,000 on buildings, insured for \$25,000; Indiana Coffee Company, \$60,000 on stock with \$43,500 insurance; Ward Brothers, wholesale drugs, \$35,000, fully insured; Fairbank's wholesale drugs, \$35,000, fully insured; Eckhouse Scale Company, \$15,000, fully insured; Eckhouse Brothers, wholesale liquors, \$11,000, fully insured; Woodford & Pohlman, wholesale liquors, \$26,000, with \$22,000 insurance; Mrs. Rudell, building, \$20,000, fully insured; T. Malott, building, \$18,000,

fully insured insurance companies are hit to the extent

IMAGINED SHE BORE A TITLE.

AN INSANE WOMAN BELIEVED SHE WAS THE DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH AND THE

living with her parents in South Armstrongave., Peekskill, has been declared insane and committed to the asylum at Poughkeepsie on the testimony of Dr. Perly H. Mason and Dr. E. D. M. Lyon. She was taken there yesterday afternoon. She was not violent, but fancied at one time that she was the Duchess of Mariborough and at another the Countess de Castellane. When labornder these hallucinations she would insist that Duke or the Count be sent for.

Miss Rudolph was popular in the village. She met with an unfortunate accident in the elevated railroad in this city in 1891. In leaving the car at Eighteenth-st. on the Sixth-ave. line, she was Eighteenth-st. on the Sixth-ave. line, she was thrown to the ground by the sudden starting of the train. She was conveyed to a hospital, and her injuries resulted in an operation which, it is contended, affected her mind, although her condition was not generally known. She sued the company for \$1.000, but never succeeded in obtaining damages. It is said that an offer of \$5,000 to withdraw her suit was made, but that she refused it. A few weeks ago the physicians of the company made another examination of Miss Rudolph. It is descibled that their report was so unfavorable that it increased her melancholy condition.

PERILOUS WORK AT TILLY FOSTER MINE.

A DOZEN MEN IN THE PIT WHILE ROCKS CON-

Brewsters, N. Y., Dec. 2.—This morning at 7 o'clock twelve Italians were induced to go down with Foreman Lynch into the pit at the Tully Foster mine to recover the remaining three bodies there. At short intervals during the morning chips of rock rolled down from the overhanging walls A force of men on top constantly watched the walls the printing at the printing at the printing at the printing at the printing of the Surpreme Court before it is decided. The Republican ticket was printed with the candidates in incorrect support of the Boards, instead of "Commissioners." The Democrate slip was a mistake in spelling the word "department" and printing their tickets in a wrong type. A force of men on top constantly watched the walls in order to warn their brother miners below should danger threaten, and a wall of heavy bowlders was erected to shelter the men below in case of another was continued until II o'clock, when an eight-ton

howlder became dislodged and fell to the bettom of the pit near the scene of operations and within twenty-five feet of the men.

Monday's rain filled the crevices in the rock, and with to-day's freezing caused expansion and dislodgments. The work done to-day was considered extremely hazardous, and Contractor Stevens and Superintendent Tompkins directed it. At noon all hands quit work, and the men were taken out of the pit and would not go down again this afternoon.

A. Richard King, a new mine inspector, who arrived at Brewsters this afternoon, will make a thorough examination early Wednesday morning. Owing to the darkness to-night, he had to defer inspection until to-morrow. Without doubt he will be subpoensed by Coroner Penny to be a witness at the inquest, which will be held Wednesday afternoon, over the bodies recovered.

A MERCHANT FALLS ILL IN HIS CARRIAGE

SUDDEN DEATH OF W. H. KENT, OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS, BROOKLYN, IN A SALOON TO WHICH HE WAS CARRIED.

W. H. Kent, of No. 128 Columbia Heights, Brook-lyn, while driving in Ocean-ave., near Bay-ave., at 4:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon, suddenly became ill in his carriage. He was removed by Frank Holstein, of Ocean-ave., and J. W. Lackey, of Bay-ave., to Henry Holstein's liquor-store, where he died beore the arrival of an ambulance. He was identifled by three letters found in his pocket. Word was sent to his fainty by the police and a so his son went to Bensonhurst and took charge of the body.

Mr. Kent & Sons, which conducts a prosperous provision store and meal market at No. 27 Henryst. Brooklyn. Mr. Kent drove to Bensonhurst to collect some bills yesterday afternoon. He was apparently in excellent health when he left home, and his death was caused by heart disease.

ASSAILING THE GAS TRUST.

Chicago, Dec. 3.-The case of Pitt Barrows, w wants a Federal Court injunction to prevent the consolidation of the Chlosgo gas companies com-posing the trust, came before Judge Showalter in the United States District Court this morning. James B. Lowrie, William A. Butler and Mr. Jolino of New-York, appeared for the plaintiff. The trust was represented by ex-Attorney-General Hunt, of Illinois; Frederick S. Winston, J. R. Custer and Mr. The morning session was wholly occuhad not finished when court took a recess. prejudged by the decision of the Illinois Supreme prejudged by the decision of the linnois supreme Court, which operated as a perpetual injunction against the trust corporation holding any shares of stock owned by the several operating companies lie declared that the trust deed was unlawful tricky, evasive and regardless of the charter re-quirements of the companies and the laws of Utunois.

Albany, Dec. 3.—Attorney-General Hancock re-turned to Albany this afternoon, and in answer to an inquiry, said he would hear the attorneys in the application directed against the Chicago gas companies on December II.

LEFT \$250,000 FOR CHARITY.

Ouincy, Ill., Dec. 3.-The \$350,000 left by Anna Brown for charitable purposes will be divided up in a few days. The Illinois State Humane Associan few days. The lilinois State Humane Assacia-tion gets \$70,000; the Quincy Humane Society \$14,000, the Connecticut State Humane Society \$42,000, the Louisiana State Humane Society \$42,000, the Massa-chusetts State Humane Society \$14,000, the Illinois Industrial School for Girls £6,000, the Quincy Wood-land Orphan Home £5,000, and the Anna Brown Old Folks' Home, Quincy, \$55,000. In addition to the amount set apart for the Old Folks' Home here, the Brown homestead is also given for the same purBAY STATE ELECTIONS.

ING-VOTES ON THE LICENSE QUESTION-

CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS 2D TO

Boston, Dec. 3.-Twenty of the thirty-two cities in the Commonwealth held their municipal

In New-Bedford the election was a contest between the Citizens' party and the Independent Citizens' party, headed respectively by David L. Parker and Stephen A. Brownell. Parker was elected by 818 plurality, and his entire ticket for Aldermen and fifteen of his ticket for Common Councilmen out of twenty-four were successful. The license vote was: Yes, 3,126; no, 2.356

In Maribore, Bartlett, Republican, defeated Curley, Democrat, for Mayor by a vote of 1,545 to lapse of the third floor of the wholesale grocery 1,182. The Republicans have three of the seven house of Schnull & Co. The falling wreckage Aldermen and eight of fourteen Councilmen. License vote: Yes, 1,590; no, 1,034.

The Republicans swept Lawrence, electing marvellous. In two minutes after the crash the Leonard, Democrat; five of the six Aldermen and a majority of the Council. License vote: Yes,

> In Fall River Mayor William S. Greene was reelected by the Republicans by a vote of 5.271 to 3.529 for Murphy, Democrat. The Republicans elected six of the nine Aldermen and eighteen of the twenty-seven Councilmen, License vote; Yes, 1899 n. 2.629

4.899; no. 3,953
In Haverhill Benjamin F. Bricket, Democrat, received 554 plurality over Jewett, Independent, the present Mayor. The city government is Republican. License vote: Yes, 2,548; no. 2,438.
David I. Robinson, the A. P. A. candidate in Gloucester, secured the Mayoralty by a vote of 1,851 to 1,699 for Cook, Independent Republican, the present incumbent. The city is usually Republican. License vote: Yes, 1,561; no. 1,788.
In Northampten Mayor H. P. Field was relected by the Republicans. The Aldermen are four Democrats and three Republicans; Common Council, sixteen Republicans, four Democrats. License: Yes, 1,319; no. 399.
Mayor Rockwell, running on an Independent Citizens' ticket, was re-elected in Fitchburg by 152 plurality over Bond. Citizens' ticket for Aldermen and Councilmen was also successful. License: Yes, 1,795; no. 2,137.
In Taunton Benjamin Morris, Democrat, received 2,297 votes for May ur to 1,392 for John T. Hawkins, Republican. The City Council is Republican. License: Yes, 2,208; no. 1,553.
In Quincy there was something of a surprise in the election of Charles Francis Adams, 2d, Democrat and Independent, over Charles L. Hammond, Republican, indorsed by the American Protective Association, by a vote of 1,722 to 1,543. The city government is Republican. License: Yes, 1,177; no. 1,958.
The Republican and Citizens' ticket, headed by Clarence O. Walker for Mayor, was successful in Malden, Walker receiving 2,285 votes to 2,246 for Farnham, Independent. The city government is Republican. License: Yes, 1,587; no. 2,791. In Haverhill Benjamin F. Bricket, Democrat,

ernment is Republican. License: Yes, 1587; no. 2,791.

by a majority of \$47. The Aldermen elected stand:
Five Republicans, one Democrat and one supported by both parties against a candidate running on an independent nomination. The Council
stands: Republicans, nine: Democrats, five. The
only A. P. A. candidate, a man nominated for the
Council in the Fifth Ward, was beaten.
In Holyoke, James J. Curran, Democrat, was
elected Mayor over T. B. O'Donnell, running on
Citizens' nomination papers by a majority of 1.129.
The contest for license was successful by a majority of 1.103. The Board of Aldermen will be
solidly Democratic.
Springfield had a political overturn and for the
first time in her history the Democrats have
control of all departments, electing a Mayor, five
out of eight Aldermen and ten out of sixteen
Councilmen.

A PROTESTED ELECTION IN NEW-HAVEN. EACH SIDE SEEKS TO CAST OUT THE VOTE OF

THE OTHER.

tested the entire vote cast by the other party, owing Brewsters, N. Y., Dec. 3 .- This morning at 7 to irregularities in the printing and wording of the

cratte slip was a mistake in spelling the word department, and printing their tickets in a wrong type.

The result of the election, aside from the protests, is a slight Democratic gain. That party has obtained control of the Town Agency and the Beard of Selectmen, and has gained three Aldermen and four Councilmen. A non-partisan Board of Commissioners of the Municipal Boards has been exceed Joseph Porter, the Good Government candidate for Palice Commissioner, was snowed under. The majority for the Democratic town ticket is only about 108. The Republicans retain a majority in both branches of the Common Council.

Hudson, N. Y., Dec. 3.-At the charter election held to-day the Democrats elected nearly all the city officers by inige majorities. They elected Re-corder, Assessor, and four out of five Supervisors and four out of five Aldermen. The vote was very

REPUBLICANS WIN IN PLAINFIELD. The charter election was held in Plainfield, N. J. yesterday, and the straight Republican ticket won by about \$30 plurality. The vote was light in comparison with the State election, except in the Fourth Ward. The citizens' and wheelmen's tickets, which were essentially the same, made their strongest faint in the First Ward. The following were elected: Councilmen, A. C. Stebbins, Harold Serreil, John B. Dumont, Raiph I. Tolles, George H. Frost, Elliot T. Barrows, William A. Westphal; city collector, Elas H. Bird, city treasurer, Alexander Thisworth; city judge, George W. Demesa, school trustee, Charles F. Abbott, chosen freeholders, J. Frank Hubbard and John H. Tier, sr., commissioners o, appeal, Joseph B. Coward, E. C. Mulford and Augustus L. Saltzman.

ALLISON TAKES THE FIELD.

FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS PRESIDENTIAL

CANDIDACY BY THE IOWA SENATOR. Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 2.—The Allison Presi dential boom was formally launched at a meeting of the Republican State Central Committee ing of the Republican State Central Committee this afternoon. The announcement was made that Senator Allison had expressed a desire to become an open candidate for the Republican nomination for the Presidency, and desired the Central Committee to take charge of his candidacy. The committee unanimously decided to take up the work. Chairman MeMillan will abandon temporarily his law practice at Rock Rapids and remove to Des Moines to take charge of the headquatters.

DRUNKARDS SENT TO THIS COUNTRY

TWO SWISS SWEAR THAT AUTHORITIES IN THEIR NATIVE TOWN GAVE THEM TICKETS AND

Switzerland is sending her drunkards ing for them. Two men of the habitual-drunkard class made an affidavit to this effect in the office of the immigration Commissioner, Dr. Joseph H. Senner, on Ellis Island, yesterday. Both men ap-

Senner, on Edia Island, yesterday. Both men appeared to be suffering from the effects of alcoholism. They were assigned to Edward McSweeney, the Assistant Commissioner.

The men, who arrived here on the Westernland, said they had lost their money, and had had nothing to eat for two days.

Mr. McSweeney had the men sign affidavits. They gave their names as Emil Kunni, twenty-seven years old, farmer, and Gustave Kammerer, twenty years old Both men came from Blauer, Switzerland, and swore that, on account of their intemperate habits, the authorities there gave them So in cash and furnished them with steamship tickets to this port. They will be deported, and it was said that the Treasury Department will investigate the action of the Swiss authorities in sending their inebriates to this country.

Rome, N. Y., Dec. I.—When the case of the boy train-wreckers came up this afternoon, J. I. Sayes, who represented all four of the prisoners, waived examination, and they were committed to jail to await the action of the Grand Jury on a charge of murder in the first degree. The next Grand Jury is in Utica in January.

WAR ON THE SUGAR TRUST.

PAPERS WILL PROBABLY BE SERVED ON THE COMPANY TO-DAY.

PROSPECT OF AGGRESSIVE ACTION IN THE PRO-CEEDINGS BROUGHT BEFORE THE AT-

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 3.-It is probable the papers in the proceedings to be brought before the Attorney-General against the American Sugar Refining Company will be served to-morrow in New-York. An attorney is in New-York for that purpose at present.

It is alleged that the several firms and corporations in the company are unlawfully the business of manufacturing and selling sugar products in the United States. The allegation is made that in 1890 the company was de clared unlawful by the Court of Appeals, and thereupon organized in the State of New-Jersey, and under a certificate granted by the business in this State. The further allegation is made that the company binds jobbers in sugars to sell the products of sugar at prices to be determined by the company, thereby creating a trust and monopoly. The paper con-

manufacture and sale of said products; that said company has from time to time ance hat said company has from time to time ance hat said company has from time to time ance hat said company to said products below which, by terms of said agreement the said dealers her prohibited from selling the same expendible of the prohibited from selling the same expendible of the said against to will. The refusal of the company to allow the usual commission, count or allowance on such sales, and under penalty in the discretion of said company of the signments to them by the said company and constituent organizations, and that by means of d exercises a real and substantial monopoly with the State of New-York of the production and itrol of sales and selling prices of the said articles trade and commerce.

TO TRY STANDARD OIL MEN.

LOCAL OFFICERS OF THE COMPANY TO BE PROSE-

Waco, Tex., Dec. 3.-The famous Standard Oil Trust indictment cases came up in the District Court to-day. The exceptions filed yesterday, holding that the business of the Trust was interstate commerce and out of the jurisdiction of the State was unconstitutional, were overruled by Judge Scott, and the local managers of the Trust will be

Scott, and the local managers of the tried separately.

Requisitions for John D. Rockefeller, Henry M. Flagler and other Standard Oil officials were issued last year by the Governor of Texas, but Governor Flower of New-York, refused to honor the paners, and the men have not yet appeared to answer the indictments. Violation of the Anti-Trust law of Texas is a felony, with heavy penalties.

BOOKKEEPER OF PACKER COLLEGIATE

Miss Mary F. Swain, sixty years old, the book-keeper of Packer Collegiate Institute, Brooklyn, who bearded at No. 164 Clinton-st., Brooklyn, died sud-denly at 8205 o'clock last night in the grocery store had been out walking with her cousins, Ellen S. Swain and Susan Starbuck, of No. 13 Clinto-st., and became ill suddenly in Fulton-st. She went into Bothwell's store, and was laid on some bags and rugs. Patrolman Shinnin went ir and found Miss Swain unconscious. He wanted to call an ambu-lance, but the relatives with her objected, saying that she was subject to such attacks. Everything

ser remedies were tried, but unavailingly. Dr. Chapin, her physician, was called, but as he could not respond promptly Dr. McSwain was sent for. Dr. Chapin came later. Miss Swain filed without regaining consciousness. Dr. Chapin said that her death was caused by congestion of the lungs, compileated with heart failure.

Miss Swain had been connected with the Packer Collegiate Institute for a number of years. She was well connected and well known in Brooklyn. She did not live with her family, with whom, it is said, she did not agree. The body was taken to the house of friends at No. 152 Clinton-st.

A WEDDING FEAST PREVENTED.

HUSBAND AND WIFE BADLY INJURED ON THEIR TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY, WHICH THEY

Yesterday was Mrs. Rachel Lesser's sliver wedding anniversaly. Her friends congratulated her and gave her presents, and she and her husband Charles made preparations to celebrate the occasion with a family supper in their rooms in the tenement-house No. 391 Houston-st.

Among the presents was a handsome lamp. After preparing the evening meal Mrs. Lesser started to fill it and put it in its place on the table. Her hand trembled as she filled it and she spilled some of the the lamp sputtered and finally exploded. As the explosion occurred Mrs. Lesser tried to throw the lamp into the hallway, but she was too late. The biazing oil flew over the room, bespattering her and setting her clothing afire. It also fell on the crib

setting her clothing aftre. It also fell on the crib in which the baby lay asleep, and set fire to the coverlid, but soon went out.

The woman, with her clothing all ablaze, threw open the tenement doorway and ran screaming down ine stairs. She collapsed when she reached the lower hallway, as a car in which were Policemen Gleason and Carron, of the Union Market station, passed the house. The officers, seeing the flames in the hallway, ran in to investigate, and found Mrs. Lesser lying there. Carron threw his coal over her, and, rolling her in it, succeeded in extinguishing the flames, while his commanion ran to the station and called an ambulance.

It arrived he a few minutes, and Mrs. Lesser was taken to Bellevue Hospital and placed in the accident ward. She had lain there unconscious almost half an hour when her husband, who on his way home from work had been thrown from a car by the swinging around of the driver's brake and had been picked up unconscious, was received at the hospital.

The husband, when he was able to get up and

edial, he husband, when he was able to get up and rued of the accident to his wife, left the hospital i returned home to comfort his children. He sat ade the gafly decked supper table bewailing his

MINING SPECULATION IN COLORADO.

Denver, Col., Dec. 3.-The trading in gold stocks on the several Colorado exchanges was not so heavy

HOLDERS READY TO UNLOAD AT THE SLIGHTEST OFFER OF A PROFIT.

to-day under ruling prices. The slightest advance in bils resulted in pienty of offers to sell, showing that holders of stock purchased last week are ready to unload whenever a profit can be made. The high-priced gold stocks are evidently h materially advanced prices. The demand for stocks seems to be as great as ever and beyond

HURLED UNDER THE WHEELS. THE MESSAGE NO SURPRISE.

A DAUGHTER OF A FORMER EPISCOPAL MISSIONARY BISHOP BADLY HURT.

KNOCKED DOWN IN MADISON-AVE, BY A HEAVY

OVER HER BODY-INTERNAL INJURIES FROM WHICH SHE MAY DIE

Miss Ellen Southgate, sixteen years old, of No. 1,270 Madison-ave., was run down by a truck at Eighty-sixth-st. and Madison-ave., at noon vesterday, and is now lying in the Presbyterian Hospital, suffering from internal injuries, from ter of Bishop Southgate, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who was for many years missionary bishop resident in Constantinople. where she got out to take a crosstown car. She was standing on he avenue a few feet from the curbstone waiting for a car to come. State papers when a heavy furniture van came down the steep hill at that point. Miss Southgate in the paragraph on German retaliation inserted the witnesses say, try to rein out to year came undoubtedly from Mr. Cleveland's avoid the young woman. She was struck from private pen, as may have also the occasional behind by the pole and trampled beneath the bits of didactic reflection which illuminate the horses' feet. Her screams and the plunging of various topics in the message more or less inassistance, but too late, for the heavy van passed over her body, and when Jacob Frietand the driver, brought the team to a standstill one of the wheels rested upon her abdomen. She was quickly extricated by many ready hands. The witnesses were so enraged at the driver that only the presence of a policeman saved him from severe treatment.

Miss Southrate was taken to the hospital.

The first portion, which details the state of

Freitag was arrested and in the Harlem Court was held without bail, to await the result of Miss Southgate's injuries. Freitag is twentyseven years old, and lives at No. 527 East Elementh-st. He pleaded that he did not see the young woman until she was under the horses young woman until she was under the horses feet. The truck belonged to D. Wanamaker, of No. 203 East Fourth-st.

HURT TRYING TO STOP A RUNAWAY. A TRUCK DRIVER KNOCKED DOWN AND HIS RIGHT ANKLE BROKEN.

Rudolph Hammel, twenty-five years old, of No torses attached to a truck loaded with sand yes-

to a light wagon, he was knocked down, and the wheels passed over his stomach and right leg, bruising him and dislocating his right ankle. Park Policeman McIntyre had Hamme removed to the Presbyterian Hospital, and subsequently caught the runaway, which was owned by a man named Munson, of No. 28 East One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st, and turned it over to the driver, Frank Barclay, of No. 791 East One-hundred-and-forty-fourth-st. to a light wagon, he was knocked down, and the

CONTRACT LABORERS TO BE DEPORTED.

THEY HAD BEEN BROUGHT HERE TO WORK ON A HOUSE OF MRS. GAMBRILL, IN PARK-AVE. A violation of the Alien Contract law was brought to light yesterday by the Bureau of Contract Labor Inspectors on Ellis Island. It seems that a wealthy -York woman, Mrs. Richard Gambrill, of No 30 Park-ave., while on a visit to Switzerland gave contracts amounting to several thousand dollars for decorative work for her house. It was also arranged that men should be sent over with the materials to do the work. They arrived on Sunfay last by the steamship La Normandie from Havre. materials were consigned to an express comthrough the Custom House. The men, who travelled second cabin, were Otto Webber, Gustave Kauncher, New-Haven, Conn., Dec. 3 (Special) -To-day's SHE WENT OUT TO WALK AND DIED. Ludwig Fischer, Jacob Wehl and Pens Doublin

MEMPHIS FOR TRIAL. passenger Ward, the Memphis embezzler. He will be in the custody of Chief of Police Moscley, of Memphis, who, with Detective Fernand de Rance, of this city, went to Honduras for the defaulter, for whom a large reward was offered. Ward fled from Memphis several weeks ago, leaving a defalcation,

which was variously estimated, but which all ac-

counts agreed was a large sum. E. M. Holmes, of Memphis, is here for the purpose of meeting Ward and accompanying him and the officers back to Memphis to-morrow evening. He says that no one has yet been able to figure out exactly what sum Ward has fleeced the people of exactly what sum Ward has fleeced the people of Memphis and New-York out of, but enough is known to say that his stealings will amount to \$25,000.

The evening before the absconder flea ne went around town on a regular borrowing tour, and succeeded in gathering in \$29,000 A ifm which he altempted to rob was singularly fortunate. Ward had called, as he had on all the rest of his victims, and requested a loan of \$4,000. Knowing the high standing of the company with which Ward was connected, there was no hesitation about the matter. Not having money convenient just then, Ward was told to call later and the desired sum would be ready. Ward, for some reason, became suspicious, and failed to go back for the money, though it had been procured and was held in waiting for him. The members of the firm are still congratulating themselves on their good lack.

All through the long period during which Ward was a constant attendant at his church, and was highly regarded as a Sunday-school teacher in Memphis.

HOKE SMITH REPLIES TO CRISP.

AGAINST FREE SILVER BEFORE THE GEORGIA LEGISLATURE. Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 3.-Hoke Smith, Secretary of

the Interior, addressed the Georgia Legislature to-night on the financial question. Two weeks ago exnight on the manical question. Speaker Crisp spoke before the General Assembly of the State in response to an invitation. Judge Crisp and Secretary Smith are recognized as opposing candidates for the United States Senate. to Senator John B. Gordon will be elected next November. Judge Crisp will make his race as the free-silver candidate, and Secretary Smith will run as the exponent of the Cleveland financial policy. There are other candidates, but they are dark horses. The real fight is between Crisp and Smith. The galleries and the floor of the Hall of Representatives were filled with spectators when Secretary Smith entered at 8 of clock. He was introduced by Senator Osborne, of Savanah. The Secretary, in opening, said that the question on waich he intended to speak was of vital interest to the Democratic party. He objected to criling the present division in the hetmocratic party a family consultation." But whatever may happen in the next National Convention of the party, he trusted that all Democrats would abide by the declarations in the platform. He proposed to explain why he personally was opposed to free colnage. The free colnage of silver at 16 to 1 would be unjust to gold, Mr. Smith declared, because there would be only fifty cents worth of silver in the silver dollar, while there would be 100 cents worth of gold in the gold dollar. to Senator John B. Gordon will be elected next No

Chicago, Dec. 3.-Senator Hill and his secretary, who arrived in this city yesterday from Minneapolis, left here this morning for Old Point Comfort, Va. Mr. Hill still suffers greatly from the severe cold contracted during his travelling, and his throat is in a serious condition. PRICE THREE CENTS.

CHIEFLY A CONFESSION OF FAILURE

AND INCOMPETENCY.

NOT SO MUCH OF IT AS USUAL IN MR. CLEVE LAND'S PECULIAR LITERARY VEIN-A HU

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Washington, Dec. 3.-President Cleveland's message absorbed the attention of both of Congress to-day, and beyond its Southgate resides at the Prospect Hill apart- reading little business of importance was ac ment-house at the address named, with her complished in either House. The message caused mother and a younger sister. At II o'clock yes- no surprise, for its suggestions and recommorning she started to go to see her mendations had been fully discounted. Indeed, married sister, who lives in West Eighty-eighth- there was little about either the style or the Miss Southgate took a Madison-ave, horse- matter of the communication to suggest the at her door and rode down to Eighty-sixth- peculiar literary mannerisms and Tupperish political philosophy on which Mr. Cleveland has always depended for effect in his voluminous

The bombastic allusions to domestic politics not see the horses, nor did the driver. In the summary of the diplomatic record for the horses brought several pedestrians to her timately involving the President's pet projects, van political or diplomatic. In the main, however,

the country's foreign relations, was evidently State Department, while the financial half uneither elaborate or enthusiastic. The record arrest and imprisonment of ex-Consul Waller by France, the Hawalian flasco, the dilatory 417 East Twenty-fifth-st., was driving a team of | pute, the unsatisfactory attitude of Spain in the bury in the Behring Sea damage claims, the fallure to send an effective naval force to protect the lives of Americans endangered by the Turkish massacres-all these topics had to be apologists could muster to conceal too palpable mistakes and delinquencies.

The Waller case is slurred over with an admission of failure to obtain the contested evidence on which the court-martial's conviction the blunt statement of Minister Thurston's dismissal from Washington for vanquishing the Administration in argun. nt before the American public. The Cuban insurrection is dismissed as those of rigid neutrality. The non-arrival of a reply from Lord Salisbury to the tardy remonstrance in the Venezuelan boundary dispute sent last July is announced without comment, and the directed this remonstrance to be made in Februmidsummer. The Canadian poachers' claim for damages, rajected by Corgress last year, is again approved and payment urged on thee National Legislature. The helplessness of the Government to protect effectually the American citizens living Asia Minor and Armenia is confessed, and the to send a force of warships to the Levant can only be concealed by ignoring that part of the

In its treatment of the finances the message naturally follows the ostrichlike policy of Secretary Carlisie, who has stubbornly refused to admit that there is a deficit in the revenues or that the greater part of the gol ! realized by expensive gold reserve, has really been spent to meet the guments of last winter about the "endless chain" WARD BROUGHT BACK FROM HONDURAS. of greenback redemption by which the Treasury has been drained of gold, while stoutly refusing to allow that if redeemed greenbacks had not been used to pay the Government's bills from day New-Orleans, Dec. 2.-The steamer City of Dailas | to day the gold raised by the sale of bonds would will arrive here to-morrow morning, having as a have had to go directly to the Government's creditors. Instead of asking Congress for more revenue, the President has to suggest simply an increase in the bonded debt for the purpose of

taking up and cancelling the greenbacks. One important change has been made in the Administration's programme, however. The revival of the State bank system has evidently gone the way of the resuscitation of the lamented Hawaiian monarchy, and the restoration of "wildcat" currency has now been reluctantly abandoned by the "great and good" statesman in the White House. Still, Mr. Cleveland does not commit himself too far; for, though he recommends the retirement of the greenback circulation and the substitution of National banknotes, he shiftily adds that he will co-operate with Congress in "perfecting any other measure prom-

ising practical financial relief." WHAT CONGRESSMEN THINK OF IT.

The reading of the message in Congress occupied about an hour and a half. Some views on its recommendations as expressed by Senators and Representatives follow:

and Representatives follow:

Senator Aldrich (Rep., R. L)—In the face of a rapidly growing deficil, the message suggests no method for providing for an increase in revenue. The President's recommendation for the retirement of the greenbacks will avail nothing, because the members of his party in the Senate, and a large majority of the Senate, are committed to a policy directly anagonistic to Mr. Cleveland's views. A bill to retire these notes could not be reported from the Finance Committee as at present constituted, not from any committee, as I believe, that will be formed in the Senate. With decreasing exports and revenues totally inadequate to the needs of the Government the President contents himself with a discussion of a question that cannot afford the necessary relief, and does not meet the conditions now existing. The portion of the message to be commended is the reference to the Venezuelan matters.

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Senator Hansbrough (Rep., N. D.)—It exhibits a complete abandonment of the message of 1887, and opene the way to further gold bond issues as a means of defraying the expenses of the Govern-

means of defraying the expenses of the Government.

Senator Smith (Dem., N. J.)—I was very much gratified at the financial recommendation contained in the document.

Senator Adison (Rep., Iowa)—The message seems to be incomplete, and is lacking in suggestions pertinent at this time. With our revenues wofully short of the requirements, there is not a word about increasing those revenues.

Senator Voorhees (Dem., Ind., chairman of the Committee on Finance)—The message is repugnant to everything that I have held to on the financial subject through ife, and for one I will not vote to repeal the greenback.

Senator Gray (Dem., Del.)—I have not been able to read the message yet, and I heard it but imperfectly, but such parts as I did hear strike me as being strong, forceful and persuasive. His suggestion that we should retire the greenback is a good one, and I heartily indorse it. The message as a whole makes a great document, and I am sure it will be approved by the mass of the people.

Senator Tilman (Dem., S. C.)—I see nothing in the message that indicates statesmanship, or a regard for the general welfare of the people. This question that suggests itself to my mind is, if he retires the greenback, what will be substituted.

RUT-WITH A RIG. RIG R.

your tailor tries on and alters your garments, does he not? So do we! But—at a great saving to you in price and time. GEORGE O. BENJAMIN, BROADWAY, COR. MTH ST.—Advt.